

A Few Simple Changes to Your Lifestyle Can Help Save Mother Earth

Happy April – a month when many appreciate the beauty of the Earth.

With celebrations like Earth Day on April 22 and Arbor Day on April 25, it's a great time to share tips on protecting our planet. Here are three suggestions that are fairly easy to implement:

1) Find out how you can make your home more energy efficient. As a “green” Realtor in Parker, Colo., this suggestion is one of my favorites. You can start with a home energy audit, most utilities offer this service for free. If you prefer, give me a call at 303-810-5757. I've got a background in energy alternatives and have lots of ideas on how to make your home more energy efficient.

2) Use water wisely. This is especially true during these times of drought. Run your dishwasher only when it's full. Take a short shower instead of a bath. A full bathtub uses about 70 gallons of water, while a five-minute shower uses 10 to 25 gallons. Fix leaky faucets. It doesn't make sense to send all that unused water down the drain.

3) Use your car less. If you have errands and shopping to do, save them up for one trip on one day instead of multiple trips throughout the week. If you drive to work, ask if you can work from home at least some days. If that's not possible, try to use public transportation, carpool, walk or bike. The Environmental Protection Agency says that leaving your car home twice a week can cut greenhouse gas emissions by 1,600 pounds per year.

It's not hard to make a difference. It just takes a few simple changes to your lifestyle. If you'd like more green ideas, please feel to give me a call at 303-810-5757.

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